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(b) whether they are now permitted to draw sweet toddy throughout the year; if not, why not and from what date; and

(c) if the answer to clause (b) is in the negative, how long they have now been permitted to draw sweet toddy and when the change has been introduced?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Mr. G. SRIRAMULU:—"Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House the report after it is received?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Yes, if the question is repeated by the hon. Member."

Agriculture

Appointment of Members of the Selection Committee of the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

* 29 Q.—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the personnel of the Committee appointed for the selection of candidates for admission into the Agricultural College at Coimbatore; and

(b) what the principle followed is in the selection of members of the Committee?

A.—(a) The following is the personnel of the Committee appointed for the selection of candidates for admission into the Agricultural College, Coimbatore:—

1. The Director of Agriculture (Ex-officio President).
2. The Principal, Agricultural College.
3. M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur T. Raghavayya Avargal, C.S.I., Madras.
4. M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib N. Siva Raj Avargal, B.A., B.L., M.L.C.
5. Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, B.A., B.L., M.L.C., Nellore.

(b) The selection of members is done with a view to getting a representative body of non-officials who are likely to be of assistance to the department in selecting suitable candidates of the right type to the college.

Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"May I know how the interests of the Indian Christian community are safeguarded?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"The interests of Indian Christians are sufficiently protected."

Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"Which member on the Committee represents them?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"All the members of the Committee."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I ask whether the retired Government official who is on this Committee also comes under the category of non-officials on this Committee? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" Yes; they are non-officials."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" Whom does Mr. N. Siva Raj represent? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" Depressed classes."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" May I ask whether any one of the non-official members represents the large Hindu community other than the depressed classes? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" Representation is given to minority communities and not to majority communities."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" Are selections made on communal representation? "

The hon Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" The interests of each community are considered."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—" It was stated that Mr. Siva Raj represents the depressed classes. May I ask why no one has been appointed to represent the Indian Christian community? "

The hon. the President:—" That question has already been answered."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know whether the hon. Minister is personally responsible for the selection of the members or whether the Director of Agriculture is responsible? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" The Government appoint the members of the Committee in consultation with the heads of departments. "

Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam:—" The hon. Minister replied to me that all the members represented the Indian Christian community and he now says that Mr. Siva Raj represents the depressed classes. May I know who else represents communities other than Indian Christians? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" The members of the Committee will look after the interests of the various communities."

11-15 a.m. Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi:—" May I know who, among the members of the Committee, represents the agricultural community of South India? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" At present, all the members of the Committee look after it."

Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar:—" May I know whether the hon. the Minister is aware that there was absolutely no complaint about the selection of candidates to the Agricultural College? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I am aware, Sir, that there has been no complaint and that on the other hand there is every satisfaction that the claims of the various communities have been fully met."

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Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"May I know why, if a member of the depressed classes has been appointed to the Committee to safeguard the interests of the depressed classes, and why if a Muslim is there to represent the interests of the Muslims, an Indian Christian should not also be appointed to the Committee to represent the interests of the Indian Christians?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"Only three men could be appointed to the Committee, and as such, we had to nominate members from such of the communities as wanted representation."

Resolution regarding the free supply of 'Bordeaux mixture' to the landholders of Puttur taluk.

* 30 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the resolution communicated to them by the landholders' meeting held in Puttur on 29th April 1933 requesting free supply of 'Bordeaux mixture'; and

(b) whether they have passed any orders in regard to this matter?

A.—(a) The Government have received the resolution.
(b) They do not propose to sanction free supply.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"With reference to the answer to clause (b) of the question, may I know whether the Government can reconsider the matter of the free supply of 'Bordeaux mixture'?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"In the present financial circumstances, it is not possible to reconsider the question."

Mr. W. K. M. LANGLEY:—"With reference to clause (b) of the question, will the hon. the Minister concerned consider the question of addressing the Government of India to remove the import duty on copper sulphate which is an important ingredient of 'Bordeaux' mixture?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"The suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered."

Local Self-Government

Alleged maladministration of the Rasipur Panchayat, Salem district.

* 31 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations about the high-handedness and mismanagement of the President of the Rasipur Panchayat in the Salem district; and

(b) what those representations are, when they were received and what action the Government have taken on them?